



Montana Department of
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MEMO

TO: Montana Major Open Burning Permit Holders

FROM: Dave Klemp, Permitting and Compliance Section Supervisor

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SUBJECT: Transition of Regulated Open Burning Restrictions

As of September 1, 2007, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is transitioning the mandatory restrictions on regulated open burning issued by the Department on August 14, 2007 into the fall smoke management program implemented by the Montana-Idaho State Airshed Group.

The Department does not expect air quality conditions to change in the near future. However, during the ventilation hotline period (September 1 – November 30) the Department will make daily dispersion forecasts based on air quality for all airsheds in Montana. Beginning September 1, 2007, major and minor open burning sources are required to comply with Best Available Control Techniques (BACT) for smoke management which includes calling the Department's hotline at 800-225-6779 prior to ignition and burning only during time periods specified by the Department.

The Department is issuing a press release in addition to this notice. If you have questions, please call John Coefield at 444-5272.